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# INDIANA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

**Friday Update: July 12, 2002**

## **Unit Assessment Systems**

All unit assessment systems have been submitted to the IPSB. The Phase 1 clerical review has begun and each institution will receive a copy of the clerical report within 3 months. The actual formative review cycle for the UAS will begin this summer.

## **New Licensing System Q & A Session**

Mark your calendars for August 8, 2002, when a general information and update session will be held for superintendents and other interested school district officials in the Government Center Auditorium on the new licensing system. A one-hour presentation will be followed by an open question and answer session.

## **Deadline Reminder**

August 1, 2002 is the deadline for submission of mentor training programs for approval. Directions for submission may be found on the IPSB website, [www.IN.gov/psb](http://www.IN.gov/psb).

## **New Homeownership Help Offered to Teachers**

Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan announced a new mortgage product to help teachers and other public workers bridge the gap between public salaries and the growing cost of homeownership. First Home Community is now available specifically to help teachers, firefighters, police officers, and state and municipal workers become first-time homebuyers. Both of the new programs offer higher loan-to-value options, lower out of pocket costs and more flexible underwriting criteria. Persons interested in more information about the program should call IHFA's toll-free number, 800-NOW-IHFA.

## **Subsidy for National Board Certification**

The Indiana Professional Standards Board will offer Hoosier educators the opportunity to compete for 100 scholarships to support the costs of pursuing National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification. Thirty of the scholarships will cover \$2,000 of the cost of the program, and the remaining 70 scholarships will cover \$1,150 of the costs. All applicants will be required to pay the \$300 registration fee for the program. Indiana candidate subsidy forms are available from Dr. Richard Bowers at (317) 232-9001 or [rbowers@psb.state.in.us](mailto:rbowers@psb.state.in.us).

Did you know? The IPSB website [www.IN.gov/psb](http://www.IN.gov/psb) is getting a new look.